

The steamer from the American ship *Alben* *Beau*, who were charged with receiving a blank, a pair of trousers and a bayonet, belonging to the crew, knowing the articles to have been stolen, were discharged by the Magistrate to-day at the Police Court.

We understand that Mr. E. W. Rutter, manager of the New Oriental Bank Corporation, has received a telegram from the Head Office in London, informing him that an interim dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, free of income tax, has been declared for the half year ended 30th September last.

The troopship *Orontes*, Captain Charles B. Thoburn, arrived in Hongkong this forenoon with relief. She brings a draft of men to fill up vacancies in the Northamptonshire Regiment, also the 9th Company Royal Engineers, and the 7th Company 1st Brigade, Western Division, Royal Artillery. The following officers have arrived by her—Major M. Churchill, 2nd Northamptonshire; Major P. W. Miles, R.A.; Major D. A. Johnston, R.E.; Captain F. T. Clayton, Commissariat & Transport Corps; Captain H. P. Knight, R.E., who has come out for torpedo duty; Captain E. Reynolds, R.A.; 2nd Lieut. H. S. Woodcock, R.A.; 2nd Lieut. F. C. Vignoles, R.A.; Lieut. H. A. Blackall, R.E.; Lieut. Ricketts, for the *Victor Emanuel*; Midshipman Marton, for the *Adriatic*. There have also arrived Mrs. Miles and three children and Mrs. Johnston and two children. The following have come out to Hongkong, on a visit—Captain Reg. Hall and Lieut. F. A. Dodgson, 2nd South Lancashire; Rev. B. Wonnacott, Chaplain; and Surg. Major W. J. Charlton, Medical Staff.

The sentence passed by Mr. Justice Leach to-day upon Watson, formerly wardmaster of the Government Civil Hospital, might at first glance be regarded as somewhat severe. But when it is considered that the prisoner took advantage of his position to rob a dying man, and a man who by while dying placed implicit trust in the officials of a Government Hospital in a British Colony, it cannot be said that seven years is too severe a punishment. When the crime was first made known to the public here, it must be admitted that it caused a considerable shock to the community; and the shock was certainly not lessened by the fact that the gentleman who was robbed happened to belong to a foreign, but friendly nation. A strong feeling of shame was present amongst most residents, over the knowledge that a foreigner could be deprived of his property after it was confided to the care of the Hospital authorities. Now that the law has thus asserted itself by punishing the chief actor in this business, it is to be hoped that the Government Civil Hospital will be a long time free from any similar slur upon its management. One of the officials connected with this ugly transaction seems to have made a lucky escape, owing to the opinion given by the Acting Attorney General that the evidence against him was not sufficient to sustain a conviction. The peculiarities of evidence are certainly many and great, but it seems to persons blessed with a non-legal mind a pity that the case against the man Ray was not submitted to a Jury. We do not say what the result would have been, but it would have proved more satisfactory to the public had the verdict of not-proven been given by a jury at the Supreme Court.

The first of a series of sacred concerts, in which organists will form the principal part, was given last night in St. John's Cathedral. There was a large audience, and the success of the concert augurs well for the proposed series of which this was the beginning. The programme was neither too long nor too monotonous, Mr. Sangster, the Organist of the Cathedral, having shown his musician's taste in making a very happy selection of pieces which, while embracing a good deal of variety in character, served to bring out prominently all the beauties of the fine instrument over which he has so perfect a mastery. The following was the programme—

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NOTICE.
STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
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PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH-AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SHANGHAI ON TUESDAY, 10th
January, 1888, at 3 p.m.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

ON MONDAY, the 26th day of December,
1887, at 4 p.m., the Company's
Steamship **DAYEEN**, Capt. R. SANDER,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this port as above,
calling at Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
noon, Cargo will be received on board
until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3
p.m. on the 24th December. (Parcels are
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Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
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Hongkong, November 28, 1887. 2320

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SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
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MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUZ,
PORT SAID.

MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,
MARSEILLE, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO,
LONDON, HAYRE, BORDEAUX,
DUNKIRK AND ANTWERP.

ON TUESDAY, the 27th December,
at noon, the Company's Steamship
MELBOURNE, Commandant LEAVER,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 26th December. (Parcels are not to be
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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1887. 2435

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THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship **CITY OF
NEW YORK** will be despatched for
San Francisco, via Yokohama and
Hankow, on THURSDAY, the 29th
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and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
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Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
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Bornida	5 c	Dagnino	Italian	1439	Dec. 1	Carlson & Co.	Bombay
Canton		Brannan	Brit.	1111	Dec. 1	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Canton		Joon	Dutch	1423	Dec. 19	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Singapore
Coleco		Whymann	Brit.	1328	Dec. 21	Order	
Chancellor	11	Wayman	Brit.	1328	Dec. 9	Yuen Fat Hong	Saloon
China	3 c	Haylor	Ger.	1091	Dec. 9	M. & S. Co.	Suez
City of New York	5 c	Searle	Amer.	3129	Dec. 19	M. & S. Co.	Suez
Crusader		Ouston	Brit.	814	Dec. 18	Siemssen & Co.	
Diamante	5 c	McGee	Brit.	1400	Dec. 19	Russell & Co.	Hambur
Frigate	3 c	Arnold	Ger.	205	Dec. 21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	London
Glasgow	3 c	Nagel	Ger.	1443	Dec. 9	Bun Hin Chau	
Hispania	6 k	Parik	Brit.	1837	Dec. 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Illusae	6 k	Roura	Fren.	779	Sept. 10	Bun Hin Chau	
Kwong Sang	3 h	Sollar	Brit.	1000	Dec. 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Mefoo	5 c	Lancaster	Chi.	339	Dec. 20	Hop Hing Hong	Shanghai
Manila	3 h	Blackburne	Brit.	205	Dec. 20	Adams, Bell & Co.	Vancouver
Parthia	3 c	Arnold	Ger.	205	Sept. 17	H. K. & W. Dock Co.	
Pilot Fish	3 c	Webster	Brit.	161	Sept. 17	Butterfield & Swire	Amoy & Bangkok
Prometheus	5 c	Webster	Brit.	1243	Dec. 18	Edward Schellhass & Co.	
Protos	3 c	Svensen	Ger.	1150	Dec. 19	Takusaka Insurance Co.	
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Sea Gull	3 h	C. Leebire	Amer.	48	Dec. 14	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok
Taihu	3 c	Newton	Brit.	862	Dec. 19	Butterfield & Swire	
Taiwan	3 c	Oleg	Brit.	1109	Dec. 19	Douglas Steamship Co.	Amoy & Yokohama
Thales	5 h	Hunter	Brit.	819	Dec. 18	P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Thibet	5 c	Creery	Brit.	1671	Dec. 14	P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Venetia	5 c	Colo.	Brit.	1619	Dec. 19	Sanders & Co.	Shanghai
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